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Communicable Disease Report December 29, 2008

Gallatin County Weekly Communicable Disease Report December 17-23, 2008

Reportable :

12 Chlamydia
4 Hepatitis C
1 Dog Bite
1 Influenza A

Non- Reportable :

22 Streptococcus
1 RSV

Montana Communicable Disease Weekly Update: 12/19/08

Summary – Weeks 49 & 50 – Disease reports received at DPHHS during the reporting period November 30 – December 13, 2008 included campylobacteriosis, giardiasis, non-0157 STEC, salmonellosis, an invasive *H. influenzae* case (serotype pending) and varicella.

Adenovirus 14 – Adenovirus 14 has been isolated from two cases of respiratory illness in children in northcentral Montana. Although these children were not hospitalized, this virus can cause severe pneumonia in otherwise healthy people. Clusters of severe disease related to adenovirus 14 were seen in Oregon and Washington in 2007.

(<http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/mm5645a1.htm>) Patients who have severe, culture-negative pneumonia should have a screen for viral respiratory pathogens done. The state public health laboratory can do this testing. Call 1-800-721-7284 for information on submission of specimens for testing.

Influenza Surveillance – As of 12/12/08, Montana's influenza activity is classified as **sporadic** with 2 confirmed cases of influenza in the state: a type B in Deer Lodge County and a type A in Cascade County. Please continue to submit rapid test positive specimens to the Montana Public Health Laboratory for confirmation by PCR. This confirmatory testing is provided at NO COST until **two** specimens have been confirmed as positive in the county (we currently have one).

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